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**MINISTRY**

**JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES**

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO: 36**

**DATE OF QUESTION: 09 FEBRUARY 2023**

**DATE OF SUBMISSION: 23 FEBRUARY 2023**

**Mr J Engelbrecht (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:**

(a) What total number of inmates are serving life sentences in each (i) month, (ii) year and (iii) province since 01 January 2007 and (b) whether the specified inmates are serving life sentences for committing sex crimes against minors or not?

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**REPLY:**

(a)(i) Provision of the data per month is not possible due to the complexity and data limitations of the daily offender movements, wherein according to procedures an offender is temporarily released from the system for various purposes (their status changes to inactive) and when they come back they are readmitted (status changes to active in the movement data on the system).

This is part of the daily correctional centre operations. Such movements may include among others transfers from one centre to the other, movement to courts, hospital and others.

(a)(ii) & (iii) See table below.

(c) Due to limitation of victim information on the warrant, the ages of victims are not available, therefore only the absolute count of those lifers charged with sexual crimes are included

**END**

(a)(ii)&(iii) Per year and and per province:

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| **(a)(iii) PROVINCE** | **(a)(ii) YEAR** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **2007** | **2008** | **2009** | **2010** | **2011** | **2012** | **2013** | **2014** | **2015** | **2016** | **2017** | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** |
| **EASTERN CAPE** | 924 | 1 013 | 1 072 | 1 118 | 1 193 | 1 304 | 1 419 | 1 518 | 1 661 | 1 844 | 1 995 | 2 119 | 2 211 | 2 262 | 2 390 | 2 489 | 2 490 |
| **FREE STATE** | 598 | 645 | 720 | 825 | 945 | 1 092 | 1 278 | 1 403 | 1 525 | 1 656 | 1 820 | 1 954 | 2 068 | 2 119 | 2128 | 2 125 | 2 121 |
| **GAUTENG** | 1 720 | 1 913 | 2 073 | 2 190 | 2 352 | 2 494 | 2 624 | 2 757 | 2 915 | 3 091 | 3 228 | 3 383 | 3 527 | 3 572 | 3668 | 3 809 | 3 818 |
| **KWAZULU-NATAL** | 1 976 | 2182 | 2 369 | 2 512 | 2 731 | 2 975 | 3 168 | 3 345 | 3 480 | 3 638 | 3 829 | 3 989 | 4 078 | 4 072 | 4173 | 4 266 | 4 249 |
| **LIMPOPO** | 344 | 380 | 457 | 570 | 745 | 928 | 1 117 | 1 275 | 1 410 | 1 545 | 1 710 | 1 885 | 2 085 | 2 201 | 2350 | 2 472 | 2 484 |
| **MPUMALANGA** | 286 | 330 | 350 | 371 | 388 | 406 | 442 | 471 | 490 | 522 | 554 | 589 | 604 | 614 | 634 | 649 | 654 |
| **NORTH WEST** | 511 | 545 | 580 | 611 | 646 | 665 | 682 | 704 | 742 | 782 | 816 | 821 | 843 | 847 | 854 | 870 | 861 |
| **NORTHERN CAPE** | 80 | 86 | 90 | 94 | 97 | 96 | 97 | 96 | 96 | 96 | 96 | 96 | 94 | 95 | 102 | 109 | 108 |
| **WESTERN CAPE** | 570 | 623 | 655 | 698 | 741 | 785 | 817 | 865 | 906 | 950 | 1002 | 1 068 | 1111 | 1 145 | 1 174 | 1 221 | 1 219 |
| **GRAND TOTAL** | **7 009** | **7 717** | **8 366** | **8 989** | **9 838** | **10 745** | **11 644** | **12 434** | **13 225** | **14 124** | **15 050** | **15 904** | **16 621** | **16 927** | **17 473** | **18 010** | **18 004** |

**\*Data Source: DCS Data Base**

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